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CLAIMS

1. (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

5        a positive electrode (1) including a positive  
electrode active material layer;

      a negative electrode (2) including a negative  
electrode active material layer;

10        a nonaqueous electrolyte (5) substantially  
constituted of only a solvent and a solute; and

      a conducting material, contained in said positive  
electrode active material layer and constituted of at  
least one non-carbon material selected from a group  
consisting of nitrides, carbides and borides, having  
particles of at least 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  and not more than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  in  
15        average diameter easily dispersed into said positive  
electrode active material layer, wherein

      a positive electrode active material constituting  
said positive electrode active material layer has a  
layered rock salt structure, and

20        the filling density of said positive electrode active  
material layer is at least 4.0 g/ml.

2. (deleted)

25        3. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according

to claim 1, wherein said positive electrode active material having a layered rock salt structure is constituted of a material containing at least either cobalt or nickel.

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4. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal nitride.

10 5. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 4, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride ( $ZrN$  or  $Zr_3N_2$ ).

15 6. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 5, wherein said zirconium nitride constituting said conducting material is contained in said positive electrode active material layer with a content of at least 1 mass % and not more than 20 mass %.

20 7. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1 or 3, wherein said conducting material includes a metal carbide.

25 8. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7, wherein said metal carbide includes tungsten carbide.

9. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 7,  
wherein said metal carbide includes tantalum carbide.

5 10. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
7, wherein said metal carbide includes zirconium carbide.

10 11. (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according  
to any of claim 1 and claims 3 to 10, further comprising a  
binder, contained in said positive electrode active  
material layer, including polymer fluoride.

15 12. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
11, wherein said polymer fluoride includes polyvinylidene  
fluoride.

13. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
11 or 12, wherein said positive electrode is cylindrically  
or angularly formed.

20 14. (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:  
a positive electrode (1) including a positive  
electrode active material layer;  
a negative electrode (2) including a negative  
25 electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5) substantially constituted of only a solvent and a solute; and a conducting material contained in said positive electrode active material layer and constituted of a carbide, wherein

the filling density of said positive electrode active material layer is at least 4.0 g/ml.

15. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
10 14, further comprising a binder, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, including polymer fluoride.

16. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
15 15, wherein said polymer fluoride includes polyvinylidene fluoride.

17. The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim  
15 or 16, wherein said positive electrode is cylindrically  
20 or angularly formed.